

MINUTES OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE (EC) MEETING

10th December' 2007

Meeting Room, Mantralaya.

The meeting was chaired by the Chief Secretary, Mr. Johny Joseph and in his absence by Principal Secretary (Finance) Mr. Subodh Kumar.

The meeting started with a brief discussion with Mr. Percy Mistry, Chairman of the Percy Mistry Committee (High powered Expert Committee on Making Mumbai an International Financial Centre). Mr. Mistry briefly discussed the recommendations made by the Percy Mistry Committee and gave suggestions for following up on the progress made in this regard. He strongly recommended the need for a stronger governance structure for Mumbai at the state and country level.

The following agenda issues were discussed in the meeting :

1. **Review of Major Delayed Projects :**

- I. **Bandra – Worli Sea Link** – The Managing Director, MSRDC, Mr. Satish Gavai, informed the EC that the issue of price escalation for construction of the bridge is being resolved with the contractor. A cabinet note in this regard has been submitted to the Secretary (PWD – Roads), Shri K.S. Jangde. Secretary (PWD – Roads) acknowledged the receipt of the note and agreed to place it before the Cabinet at the earliest.

Meanwhile Mr. Gavai informed that the project completion would invariably be delayed from April 2008 to January 2009. In this regard, Mr. Narinder Nayar, CAG member suggested that MSRDC should submit a quarterly update on the project to the EC.

The Committee also deliberated on the need of preparing a comprehensive dispersal system at Worli simultaneously, so that work on it could also start by the time the sea link is completed.

- II. **Mumbai Trans – Harbour Sea Link** – Mr. Gavai informed the EC that the long pending Court case on the bidding for the MTHL has been resolved and the Reliance (ADAG) has been granted time till 15th December 2007 to submit their bids. He further explained that the financial bids would be opened only after the project proposals have been examined.

2. **Setting up a High Powered Committee (HPC) and Technical Committee for Block – by – Block development on Pilot Basis** – To facilitate the decision taken in the August 2007 CAG meeting, to implement a pilot project on block –by-block redevelopment of a 25 acre plot, the EC decided to set up two committees; an HPC, under the chairperson of the

Chief Secretary to take policy decisions and a Technical Committee. Mr. Subodh Kumar also emphasized on the need for a time-bound approach to implement the project.

3. **Worli Nariman Point Link** : The officials of the MSRDC explained that they would be constructing the Worli –Nariman Point link in a phased manner. The first phase shall be extending the BWSL to Haji Ali where a dispersal System is feasible and the proposed alignment has also received Environment Clearance.

Some of the members felt that a tunnel from Priyadarshini Park to Babulnath would be a better alternative than this link. Regarding the feasibility of the tunnel, Mr. Gavai informed that though a brief study has been done, the project doesn't have an Environment Clearance yet.

Principal Secretary (Transport). Mr. Ramanath Jha opined that since the alignment has all clearance of the Environment Ministry, we should not discuss any change in it on grounds of aesthetics, as it will result in further delays.

After discussions it was decided that, the part from BWSL, to Haji Ali should in any case be constructed at the earliest.

4. **Funding of Master Plan for Aarey Milk Colony** : The EC in its previous meeting had agreed to the need of a master plan for the Aarey Milk Colony Land. In view of the lack of funds with the ADF department, it has been decided to request the MMRDA to fund the proposed master plan. The office of Secretary (Special Project), Mr. Sanjay Ubale shall forward a formal request to MMRDA.
5. **Beautification of Haji Ali Sea Face** : Dy. Municipal Architect, MCGM and consultant RMA presented the proposed beautification plan for the Haji Ali Sea Face for approval of the EC. Mr. V.S. Palekar enquired the plans for ensuring removal of shanties on the rocks at the sea-face. In response the Harbour Engineer, Mumbai Maritime Board, explained that a proposal for laying tetrapods under the cantilevered structure has already been submitted.

A meeting has been proposed at the level of Secretary (Special Project) to resolve the issues regarding the location of the exit of the Western Freeway at Haji Ali Sea Face.

6. **Finalization of Bus Shelter Design** : The MMRDA presented the new bus shelter designs based on suggestions made in the previous EC meeting. Further design modifications have been suggested. The MMRDA will look into the matter.
7. **Quality of roads in Mumbai** : It was unanimously agreed that the quality of roads in Mumbai has been constantly degrading. Mr. Ubale also

pointed out the absence of proper planning for scientific road designing and construction. According the EC has been requested to appoint a committee in the MMRDA or MCGM to look into this matter.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

The Meeting was attended by :

1. Mr. R. Tiwari, Addl. Chief Secretary (UDD-I)
2. Mr. V.K. Aggarwal, Addl. Chief Secretary (Planning)
3. Mr. D.N. Jadhav, Commissioner of Police, Mumbai
4. Mr. Ramanath Jha, Principal Secretary (Transport)
5. Mr. Subodh Kumar, Principal Secretary (Finance)
6. Dr. J.M. Phatak, Municipal Commissioner, MCGM
7. Mr. V.K. Jairath, Principal Secretary (Industries)
8. Dr. P.C. Sehgal, Managing Director, MRVC
9. Mr. Satish M. Gavai, Managing Director, MSRDC
10. Mr. K.S. Jangde, Secretary (PWD – Roads)
11. Mr. V.R. Kamble, Jt. Commissioner of Police (Traffic)
12. Mr. U.P.S. Madan, Project Manager, MTSU
13. Mr. Milind Mhaiskar, Jt. Metropolitan Commissioner , MMRDA
14. Mr. M.B. Gawade, Addl. General Manager, BEST
15. Mr. Samir Biswas, Jt. Managing Director, MSRDC
16. Mr. S.C. Deshpande, Jt. P.D., MMRDA
17. Mr. K.N. Khawarey, Jt. Secretary (UDD)
18. Mr. P. Sahai, CME, MRVC
19. Mr. V.S. Nagaonkar , BEST
20. Mr. S.M. Sabnis, CE, MSRDC
21. Mr. S.N. Bhore, AE
22. Mr. S.S. Varaskar, EE, MMRDA
23. Mr. M.Y. Patil, D.E., MMRDA
24. Mrs. Lalita Gupta, Dy. Municipal Architect , MCGM
25. Mr. Narinder Nayar
26. Mr. V.S. Palekar
27. Mr. Ranjit Pandit
28. Mr. Anand Jain
29. Mr. Shirish Sankhe
30. Mr. Vijay Mahajan
31. Mr. Ajay Saxena, PPP Expert
32. Mrs. Rohini Mani, RMA, Consultant
33. Mr. Bradley Ferander, RMA, Consultant
34. Mr. Arun Sanbis, Fulora